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Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant herewith submits three references, listed on the attached PTO Form SB/08A. However, Applicant points out that the issue fees have already been paid in the present case. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this submission be merely placed in the Application File.

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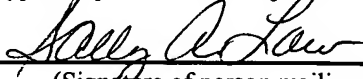
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Applicant points out that each of the three references disclosed herein, (i) one is a Division of application No. 09/022,293, now USPN 6,193,721, (ii) one is a Continuation of the same case, namely, application No. 09/022,293, now USPN 6,193,721, and (iii) one is a Division of application No. 09/022,344, now USPN 6,139,550.

Applicant also points out that both of the abovementioned parent applications of the presently submitted references, i.e. USPN 6,139,550 and USPN 6,193,721 were disclosed in the present case in an Information Disclosure Statement which Applicant submitted on October 22, 2003.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after payment of the issue fee in the referenced patent application. Accordingly, a fee in the amount of \$180 is believed due. A check in the amount of \$180 is included to cover the fee. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee properly due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-2130.

It is Applicant's desire to have these references available for the public to review. Applicant, therefore, requests that these references be placed in the Application File for the public to review.

U.S. Patent Documents:

6,383,186	05/07/2002	Michelson
6,398,783	06/04/2002	Michelson
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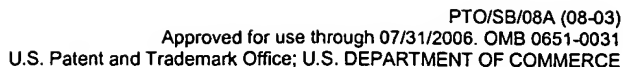
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